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TWO PSA's: Parking Reserved for People with Disabilities

The **City of San Antonio** has produced two public service announcements (PSAs) advising citizens not to unlawfully park in parking spaces reserved for people with disabilities. David Robinson with the San Antonio Spurs and Former San Antonio Police Chief Al Philippus star in the PSAs urging citizens to obey existing parking laws. These PSAs were developed with the assistance and support of the Disability Access Office, Planning Department and the City's Disability Access Advisory Committee.

The number of people violating parking laws climbs as the number of people in need of designated parking spaces also rises. For instance, Bexar County Texas received more than 21,000 applications for disabled parking decals in the year 2000. In 2001, the County received more than 24,500 applications. As the need for reserved parking grows, citizens need to be aware that the spaces are designated for individuals who are legally considered disabled under state law. They should not be abused and should be reserved for citizens entitled to them.

By sponsoring these PSAs the City of San Antonio hopes to educate the public and send a message that violating parking laws will not be tolerated. Please join us in this effort to curb illegal parking in spaces for people with disabilities. These PSAs are applicable to any city or state.

If you would like to borrow, view, or copy these PSAs, please contact the Disability Access Office at (210) 207-7245 V/TTY. Either Spanish or English captioned versions are available.